

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>JIREHCOM, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE )</b>	<b>AUTHORITY</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )</b>	
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	<b>TC00-174</b>

On October 25, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from JirehCom, Inc. (JirehCom).

JirehCom proposes to offer a full range of resold "1+" interexchange telecommunications services on a statewide basis. The applicant intends to provide MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS and Calling Card services. A proposed tariff was filed by JirehCom. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On October 26, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 10, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its March 6, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered JirehCom's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that JirehCom not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that JirehCom has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. JirehCom has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves JirehCom's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that JirehCom not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that JirehCom's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that JirehCom not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that JirehCom shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of March, 2001.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner